

City Times

NEWSLETTER

HELLO,
JANUARY!



Check out some of WHAT'S NEXT for us here at the City of Lawton:

- **MLK Day Service Project**: Business Hours, 1/2/19 – 1/31/19 @Owens Center
- **LPD Citizens Academy**: Begins 1/2/19 @GPTC
- **Volunteer Tax Training, Adultish Crafts & More**: Through January @Lawton Public Library
- **Swearing-In Ceremony** (incoming City Council members Allan Hampton & Linda Champman): 9 a.m. 1/13/20 @City Hall



Milestone

Moment

*12:10 to the
TOP Nominee
Finalists from
COL*



City team members Jared Williams, Deputy Fire Chief, and Tiffany Martinez Vrska, Community Relations Director were nominated and ultimately selected as finalists for the "12:20 to the TOP" initiative coordinated through the Southwest Ledger. This program recognized young professionals in Southwest Oklahoma who are working toward making Oklahoma a TOP 10 State!

Learn more at 1210ToTheTop.com!



JANUARY 2020
CITY MANAGERS OFFICE
580.581.3301

The Mission of the City of Lawton is to provide efficient, effective and responsive services; promote a quality of life based on harmony and cooperation; and create leadership and opportunity for Southwest Oklahoma.

CONGRATULATIONS!

*On your Years of
Service!*

*More than 50 City
employees celebrate
YOS anniversaries
in January 2020.*

*View them all
[by clicking here.](#)*



**HAPPY, HAPPY
BIRTHDAY TO YOU!**

WELCOME TO OUR TEAM!

New City Hires

ADONNIS MCGEE
Building Maintenance

JEFFREY KILGORE
Medicine Park WTP

DAVID BERG
Medicine Park WTP

LANTUS STEVENSON
Solid Waste Collection

PATRICK MARTIN
Sewer System Technical

GONZALO VASQUEZ
Solid Waste Collection



January Employee Birthdays:

Mohammad Azim	Darious Robinson	Chase Welborn
Rusty Whisenhunt	Jennifer Johnson	Albert Ozuna
Victor Rosa	David Simmons II	Issa Chilcote
John Hambrick III	Sarah Hughes	Ralph Maietta
Christopher Daniels	Katherine McCray	Conor Ash
Christopher Hally	Rachel Pierce	Kevin Jordan
Johnny Robinson	Jackie Cockerham III	Ashley White
Gerardo Vallejo	Lantus Stevenson	Kenneth Dunn
Taressa Macias	Brittany Sawyer	Roy Imler
Vernon Young	Jacob Ahlborn	Collin Ney
William Parker	Rowan Dunnaway	Virgil Todd
Mark Flanagan	Wendy Goodman	Nathan Igo
Terry Hansen	Steven Hall	Sean Hazel
Dustin Nelson	Brenton Kaonohi	Cale Hoch
Travis Estep	Manual Martinez	Jason Nayak
Jessica Musselman	Kristi Marshall	Ely Vargas
Cindy McCollister	Thomas Bailey	Darrin Hall
Bernard Nauman	Shari Rodrick	Cody Noel
Raanon Adams	Eric Weatherly	Bobby Cooper
Richard Hollebeke	Ryan Studebaker	WR Moon
John Bordelon	Matthew Campbell	Scott Preston
Kimberley Lewis	Deborah Long	Howard Pierce
Tina Bendele	Megan Nickell	Johnny Mills
Aaron Stobbe	Brandon Pedigo	George Farris
Sedona Warren	Chayton Humble	Carlos Aguayo
James Culbertson	Andrew Grubbs	Patricia Moody
Broderick Jackson	Hunter Phillips	Caleb Davis

IN case you MISSED it . . .

SIX MONTH UPDATE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER, published 12/8/19:



Team Lawton,

To think it's already been six months since my last letter. There is much to talk about and for which to be excited, so let's get started. Your dedication to this great city and its citizens continues to play a significant role in our efforts to provide the best possible service to our citizens. Your willingness to accept change and embrace new possibilities is unparalleled to any organization for which I have served. I am so excited to be working with such a great group of people who take pride in providing dedicated service every day to every one of our citizens. We are making progress and have much to be proud of. I want to thank our IT department and GIS division for creating a transparent information system like the iHelp Lawton portal and our newest addition, the Citizens CIP portal. These systems allow our citizens to submit work orders and track where we are on CIP projects. As we continue to move forward with the

digital transformation process, our goal is to both increase accountability and transparency in everything we do. The digital transformation has begun with the purchase of ERP software from Tyler that will allow us to manage our finances and many other city services more accurately. We will install Routeware in our refuse trucks so we can provide a way to measure our service levels through GPS tracking and service verification, and our Police Department received the first 23 in-car cameras and body cams. Also, we will automate our Agenda process so that we can provide more accurate and timely information to our citizens through an interactive process that will allow video tracking coupled to our agenda list of items. I am excited to see what we can do next! The City Council has set the table through the initiatives mentioned above and is making great strides to retain our industrial partners and provide incentives to attract new industrial development. We are a community worth investing in, and it shows by the community and Council coming together to present a unified commitment to industrial development through a possible Tax Increment Financing District, as well as Council proposing a bold new vision of transforming our community through the extension of the 2015 and 2016 CIPs into a redefined single 2019 CIP that will carry our ability to effectuate change in this community for years to come. We have much to look forward to as we forge a new Vision for the city! Office of the City Manager Michael Cleghorn 212 SW 9th Street Lawton, Oklahoma 73501 (580) 581-3279 Fax (580) 581-3536 Providing efficient, effective, and responsive service. Promoting a quality of life based on harmony and cooperation. Creating leadership and opportunity for southwest Oklahoma 2 None of this is possible if not for the efforts of the best asset we have, our employees. You continue to impress me every day with your ingenuity, dedication, and hard work. The culture is changing, I see it every day in your faces. I will continue to do my best to work on your behalf to help make Lawton the best place to work, live, and play in Southwest Oklahoma!

-V/R, Michael Cleghorn, CM



PROPEL LAWTON AT THE POLLS IN FEBRUARY!

ELECTION DAY: 7-7 on 2/11/20
EARLY VOTING: 8-6 on 2/6/20 & 2/7/20
ABSENTEE VOTING: Mail-in deadline, 2/11/20;
Walk-in deadline, 2/10/20

Find your polling place here:
<https://okvoterportal.okelections.us/>

See CIP timeline and additional information on the proposal [by clicking here.](#)

The City of Lawton will hold a Special Election on February 11, 2020, in which Lawtonians will have the opportunity to approve innovative community projects through a new Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

“Voters will have the chance to affect positive change when they hit the polls in February, and help propel Lawton into the future,” said Mayor Stan Booker.

Projects have focused on areas of topmost priority for the community and come on the heels of public forums and presentations hosted by the Mayor. Key areas of the 2020 CIP – “PROPEL” – will include funding for demolition and curb appeal projects, street/sidewalk and infrastructure improvements, technology maintenance, industrial development, airport renewal, youth initiatives, LATS needs and facility upgrades.

City Manager Micheal Cleghorn said the CIP, which would be in effect through 2034 if passed, also addresses the need for long-term planning in the City of Lawton.

“Long-term planning is critical to the success of any organization,” he said, commenting on potential funds to create a Master Park Plan. “We must know where we are going and how we are going to get there.”

Citizens must register to vote by January 17, 2020, to cast a ballot in the Special Election. Questions regarding voting may be directed to the Comanche County Election Board at 580.353.1880.

VISION FOR LAWTON COMMUNITY

Lawton is a community worth investing in and the projects laid forth in PROPEL reflect the topmost priorities of citizens.

This 14-year program will allow for long-term planning and follow-through, as well as essential opportunities for more collaboration between citizens and local government.

Previously delayed projects – such as library upgrades and the demolition of the soon-to-be former Police Station – will also be funded through PROPEL. An indefinite allocation of approximately \$2.6M per year will go toward the funding of additional Public Safety personnel.

PROPEL Lawton 2020 CIP Sales Tax Extension

ELECTION DAY: 2/11/20
EARLY VOTING: 2/6/20 & 2/7/20

LAST DAY TO REQUEST MAIL-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT: 2/5/20

FAST FACTS:

- Does **NOT** increase taxes
- Combines the 2015 and 2016 CIP (2.125% sales tax)
- Program life: 2020-2034

More than
\$200 MILLION
of investments for
Lawton Fort Sill
NO TAX INCREASE

DID YOU KNOW?

PROPEL complements the 2019 TIF District Initiative of Comanche County, as funds from both programs may be used for infrastructure or incentives for the incoming or developing industry.

“It has been said that struggling communities don’t plan to fail. They simply fail to plan. A good long-term plan is a road map to get you from where you know you are, to heights you never thought you could achieve.”

- Mayor Stan Booker

PROJECTS OF PROGRAM THROUGH 2034

- Crime Prevention
- Youth Initiatives
- Parks Upgrades
- Roads & Sidewalks
- Airport Renewal
- Water/Sewer Systems
- Industrial Development & Job Recruitment
- Technology Maintenance
- MMA Improvements
- City Hall Completion
- Urban Beautification
- Public Transportation

The 2020 CIP will also fund annual deposits to the Emergency Reserve Fund for the City of Lawton.